

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 213**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

214th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Overrides Governor's line-item veto reducing appropriation to Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, in but not of Dept. of State, for Tuition Aid Grants.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/13/2011)

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** overriding a line-item veto of an
2 appropriation to the Higher Education Student Assistance
3 Authority, in but not of the Department of State, for Tuition Aid
4 Grants.

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6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the
7 General Assembly concurring):

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9 1. That the following line-item of appropriation, on page 161 of
10 Senate Bill No. 4000 of 2011 (P.L.2011, c.85), which was the
11 subject of objection by the Governor in the Governor's veto
12 statement of June 30, 2011, be restored to law as follows, the
13 objections thereto of the Governor notwithstanding:

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15 **74 DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

16 *30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development*

17 *36 Higher Educational Services*

18 *2405 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority*

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20 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

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22 45-2405 Student Assistance Programs \$46,458,000

23 *Grants-in-Aid:*

24 45 Tuition Aid Grants (\$46,458,000)

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26 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution
27 be delivered to the Governor, the State Treasurer, and the Secretary
28 of State.

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31 **STATEMENT**

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33 This resolution restores the amount of an item of appropriation in
34 the annual appropriations act for fiscal year 2012 that was reduced
35 by the Governor's line-item veto.

36 The Grants-In-Aid line-item appropriation to the Higher
37 Education Student Assistance Authority, located in but not of the
38 Department of State, for Tuition Aid Grants was reduced by the
39 Governor by \$46,458,000 to \$294,298,000 in accordance with the
40 Governor's veto statement of June 30, 2011. That reduction is
41 \$25,158,000 less than the amount recommended for Tuition Aid
42 Grants as proposed in the Governor's budget recommendations of
43 February 22, 2011.

44 The Legislature seeks through this concurrent resolution to
45 restore the full amount of funding that was recommended for
46 appropriation (\$340,756,000) to the Higher Education Student
47 Assistance Authority for Tuition Aid Grants under the annual

1 appropriations bill for fiscal year 2012 (Senate Bill No. 4000 of
2 2011) as transmitted to the Governor on June 29, 2011.

3 Tuition Aid Grants (TAG) are administered by the Higher
4 Education Student Assistance Authority, and are awarded in
5 accordance with provisions of current law to all eligible New Jersey
6 residents attending New Jersey postsecondary institutions, including
7 community colleges, State colleges and universities, independent
8 colleges and universities, and degree-granting proprietary institutions.
9 Award amounts vary depending on the financial need of the student,
10 cost of attendance, and the availability of funding for grants.

11 The restoration of State funding as provided for by this
12 resolution will enable the Higher Educational Student Assistance
13 Authority to assist a greater number of New Jersey residents
14 attending postsecondary institutions and degree-granting proprietary
15 institutions in their pursuit of higher education.